

24 APR 1947

The Honorable Clare Z. Hoffman, Chairman
Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments
House Office Building
Washington, 25, D.C.

My dear Mr. Hoffman:

I am in receipt of your letter of 17 April 1947 and appreciate its kind invitation for me to appear before your Committee in connection with H.R. 2319. I would very much like to testify in support of this bill, addressing my remarks to Section 202, which Section establishes the Central Intelligence Agency.

I am grateful for your suggestion of several dates on which I might testify. If it were possible for you to arrange it, it would be preferable for me to appear on the first of May. This would be very helpful to me, as I have been told that I am leaving the Central Intelligence Group, to return to active duty with the Air Forces at about that time.

Sincerely,

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HOYT S. VANDENBERG
Lieutenant General, USA
Director of Central Intelligence

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DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT

THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES,

MR. CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE: MY APPEARANCE

BEFORE YOUR COMMITTEE THIS MORNING IS IN SUPPORT OF SECTION 202

OF THE PROPOSED NATIONAL SECURITY ACT OF 1947. THIS SECTION OF

THE BILL PROVIDES THE UNITED STATES, FOR THE FIRST TIME IN HISTORY,

WITH A CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE SERVICE CREATED BY ACT OF CONGRESS.

OUR PRESENT ORGANIZATION, THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE GROUP--WHICH

I HAVE THE PRIVILEGE OF DIRECTING--HAS BEEN IN EXISTENCE SINCE

JANUARY, 1946, BY AUTHORITY OF AN EXECUTIVE DIRECTIVE OF THE

PRESIDENT.

SINCE THE DAY THAT THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE GROUP WAS

ESTABLISHED, THE DIRECTORS OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE -- MY PRE-

DECESSOR, ADMIRAL SOUERS, AND I -- HAVE LOOKED FORWARD TO THE

TIME WHEN WE COULD COME BEFORE THE CONGRESS, AND REQUEST PERMA-

NEENT STATUS THROUGH LEGISLATIVE ENACTMENT. I SINCERELY URGE

ADOPTION OF THIS SECTION OF THE BILL. THE UNITED STATES MUST

HAVE AN INTELLIGENCE SERVICE SECOND TO NONE. IN ORDER TO PER-

FORM OUR SHARE IN MAINTAINING THE NATIONAL SECURITY IN TIMES

OF PEACE, TO BE FOREWARNED AGAINST POSSIBLE ACTS OF AGGRESSION,

TO BE ARMED AGAINST DISASTER IN AN ATOMIC AGE, WE MUST HAVE

FULL KNOWLEDGE OF THE INTENTIONS AND CAPABILITIES OF OTHER NATIONS.

I KNOW YOU GENTLEMEN UNDERSTAND THAT THE NATURE OF SOME

OF THE WORK WE ARE DOING MAKES IT UNDESIRABLE - FROM THE SECURITY

STANDPOINT - TO DISCUSS CERTAIN ACTIVITIES WITH TOO MUCH FREEDOM.

APPROPRIATELY, THEREFORE, THE DRAFT DRAFT